

REEVE's COMMENTS for Sept. 13th/10

1. It continues to be my privilege to recognize members of the public in the Council chambers, supported by the printed media.
2. A committee has been established at the U.C.L.G. in conjunction with our partner municipalities, to deal with the Emerald Ash Bore (E.A.B) infestation and how best convey current information to our residents.
3. Counc. Pakeman accompanied myself to the AMO conference in Windsor from Aug. 15th. thru 18th. This was an opportunity for new networking and attending information sessions dealing with Waste Diversion, MPAC assessments protocol, & solar PV generation to mention a few.
4. Our Council continues to receive support from SNC staff re Municipal Drains - preparing tenders & receiving necessary MNR approvals. Blair Harris from the Ministry of Tourism , Kingston also addressed our Twp. Eco-Dev. Committee with suggestions on how to encourage tourism potential in Augusta. Ann Weir, the UCLG Eco-Dev. Mgr., also participated in those discussions.
5. A significant meeting occurred in the Council chambers on Aug. 25/10 with Council, staff & the Official Plan (OP) ad-hoc committee. We were joined by our planning consultants (Stantec), with important input from Prov. Planners from Kingston & MNR, Kemptville. We are encouraged by the exchange of ideas to address major challenges under consideration for revising our OP. More accurate Twp. maps with species at risk & significant woodlands are expected to improve our Twp. perspective.
6. The next stage in dealing with the former Maitland School property continues with the guidance from MAAH & SNC who have developed a template for Augusta to use when soliciting a RFP for the hydrogeological report. I expect that report next month, which will determine the capacity of seniors units that could be constructed on that site. Upon receiving that report, it is my recommendation to Council that we engage a Volunteer group from the Maitland area who have already expressed their interest in developing an adult community at that location, to assist Council in moving forward with that project.
7. On Aug.29/10 I was invited to attend the Augusta Polo field & participate in their 2nd. Annual match. It was a great afternoon, enjoyed by riders of all ages, recovered dogs & spectators alike. Counc. Banning was also in attendance. This may well be another celebration that we may be able to promote as part of Augusta tourism highlights.
8. Volunteers are a significant benefit to our Township. Their interest to serve in their respective fields & give freely of their time & knowledge to the benefit of the greater community, is an enormous sacrifice in maintaining our momentum of Augusta's slogan 'A Community of Opportunity'. Augusta's volunteers excel in their commitment & I personally thank each & all of them in their unselfish contribution.

9. We can also celebrate the opening of Creekside Diner in North Augusta & congratulate the Noonan family on their new endeavour with much success.
10. Again the North Augusta Labour Day festivities were a great success. Sincere appreciation & compliments to all organizers & participants on another excellent event. Although the sky was overcast, spirits were high & a great time was had by all. August Fire Dept. repeated their outstanding committment to our Township & again surpassed last year's collection of money in support of Muscular Dystrophy. Our residents & visitors who viewed the parade were very generous in their donations & we thank them for that.
11. As noted in a recent email to Council & staff, the UCLG Public Works committee received a presentation this past week, relating to the possibility of a Counties Official Plan & my recommendation is that the incoming Council give serious consideration to this approach. Much more information will be forthcoming to the municipalities, once the decision is made at UCLG to further investigate this option.
12. Fri. last, Sept. 10/10, the UCLG Economic Summitt was held at the North Grenville complex with excellent attendance. A summary of the Counties 'Panel Series' was discussed in regards to future direction of development in the Counties as a whole. Copies of the report from Ann Weir are available to members of Augusta's eco-dev committee & the public. It was a pleasure to note the attendance of Coun. Banning, Pakeman & committee member Malanka at this forum.
13. Our obligation under the bylaw of Council remuneration, to review compensation for the incoming Council, has been undertaken by Mr. Silver, the UCLG CAO. His report is now available & my suggestion to Council is that we accept his recommendatiion of maintaining the status quo - with no changes to the package. Also, I will prepare a thankyou letter on behalf of Council, to Mr. Silver for his unbiased review & his generous offer of his services.
14. I had the opportunity recently to travel with other County Councillors to Corbyville for the official announcement of the signing of the agreement with Bell/Bellaliant for the construction of the long awaited Eastern Ont. Regional Network (EORN) for broadband connectivity. This initiative was promoted by the EOWC, a \$170 million dollar project to connect 95% of the residences & businesses from Karwatha Lakes east to the Que. Border. Federal & provincial ministers, an aboriginal chief along with most officials involved with this program were in attendance.
15. As of today, Sept.13/10 the official list of candidates seeking re-election in addition to individuals offering themselves for the service of Augusta residents, has been confirmed. Since 2006 it has been my distinct privilege to serve this great municipality in the position of Reeve & I sincerely thank the Public for their support during this tenure.

Likewise the support of staff & Council have contributed immensely to address many challenges we have collectively faced during the past 4 yrs. Current Council members are well aware of the time commitment to serve our constituents. Perspective candidates need to be aware of the time & energy needed to fulfil the obligations expected of a Councillor. Preparation & meeting attendance are crucial to managing the Township's affairs. I congratulate current Council members seeking re-election & wish them well. We also welcome interested residents who have filed their papers for the Oct.25th. election & I am looking forward to working with the choice of the people as we guide the direction of this township thru to 2014.

16. On Aug. 26th/10 I was invited by Wendy Onstein of the Leeds & Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre to attend the wrap up dinner in celebration of the achievements of 17 young entrepreneurs who successfully started a new business from scratch this summer while on school break. I am extremely proud to announce that we had two such exciting individuals right here in Augusta. They are Rebekah BEATTIE for 'In it to Win Basketball Camp' & Larry JOHNSTON for 'Pugwash Sweet Corn'. This business experience bodes well for their future, encourages other young people with a vision and promotes our slogan 'Community of Opportunity'.
17. Of special note is the Limerick Forest 70th. Anniversary celebrations to take place in the new Interpretive Centre, 1175 Limerick Rd. On Oct3/10 from 11-4. Please join me for this special opening of this new facility which should attract many visitors to learn more about our environment. A reminder is that most of Limerick is located in Augusta.
18. August Police Service Board (PSB) met on Sept. 7th/10 here in the municipal building. Anyone wishing to see those reports can read them here in the office. The upcoming meeting of Zone 2 of the OAPSB is to be held in Ottawa on Sept. 24/10.
19. The Brockville Police Chief, A. Geraghty has informed me that a training exercise for police is scheduled for Sept. 24/10 to take place in the former Grenville Christian College buildings. Since a number of police vehicles are expected to attend, and not to alarm anyone unnecessarily, Chief Geraghty has agreed to notify the college neighbours of this planned exercise. All activities will take place within the confines of the buildings themselves.
20. With agreement of Council, I have asked Serious Fun Enterprises to prepare & submit an application for funding in support of renovations to the North Augusta War Memorial. Approval is expected to permit this work to be done in 2011. If the funding is secured, this project will come back to Council for its endorsement.
21. Finally, it is with humble appreciation that I accept the endorsement of Augusta ratepayers by permitting me to continue serving this great municipality for the next 4 yrs. I treasure your trust will allow me to work tirelessly on your behalf in an honest, fair & transparent manner. Thankyou so much for that confidence. Working together we will

be successful.

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Respectively yours,

Mel Campbell,
Reeve,
Township of Augusta.